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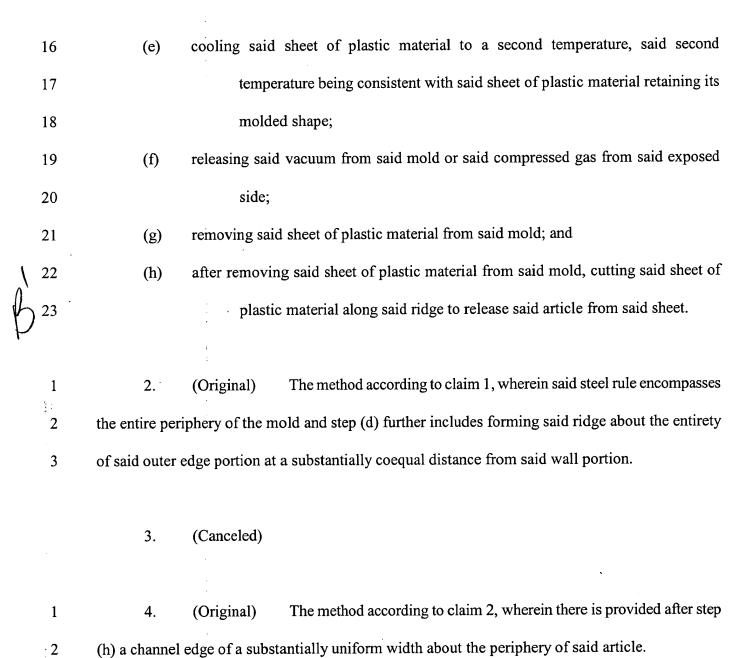
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1	1.	(Currently Amended) A method for making a molded article, wherein said article
2	includes a su	ubstantially vertical peripheral wall portion and a transverse outer edge portion,
3	comprising:	
4	(a)	heating a sheet of plastic material having a mold side and an exposed side to a first
5		temperature, said first temperature being consistent with forming said sheet
6	•	of plastic material in a thermoforming process;
7	(b)	placing said mold side of said sheet of plastic material over a mold, said mold having
8		a first surface including a steel rule for forming said substantially vertical
9		peripheral wall portion and further having a second surface substantially
10		perpendicular to said first surface for forming said outer edge portion;
11	(c)	applying a vacuum to said mold or compressed gas to said exposed side of said sheet
12		of plastic material such that air pressure on said mold side is less than the air
13		pressure on said exposed side;
14	(d)	forming a ridge over said steel rule along at least a part of said outer edge portion,
15		said ridge being of a substantially uniform height;

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	11.	(Currently Amended) A method for making a molded article, wherein said article
includes	s an ou	ter edge portion, comprising:
((a)	molding an article having an outer edge portion from a sheet of plastic material in a
		mold having a steel rule encompassing the periphery of said mold, said outer
		edge portion having a ridge along at least a part of said outer edge portion,
		said ridge being formed over said steel rule and said ridge being of a
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		substantially uniform height;
	(h)	removing said article from said mold; and

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9	•	(c)	after removing said article from said mold, cutting said article along said ridge to
10			release said article from said sheet of plastic material such that said ridge
11			defines the outer edge of said article.

The method according to claim 11, wherein step (a) further includes 12. (Original) molding said ridge about the entirety of said outer edge portion. 2



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13. (Canceled)

- (Currently Amended) A method for making a molded article from a sheet of 14. thermoforming plastic, wherein said article includes a continuous outer edge portion, comprising:
 - heating a sheet of plastic material having a mold side and an exposed side to a first (a) temperature, said first temperature being consistent with forming said sheet of thermoforming plastic material in a thermoforming process;
 - placing said mold side of said sheet of thermoforming plastic material over a mold, (b) said mold having a steel rule of substantially uniform height positioned about the periphery of said mold;

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